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SUBJECT: CONTINUING GDR DEFENSE OF INCREASED MINIMUM CURRENCY

EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS

REF BERLIN 1933

1. IN ADN ARTICLE CARRIED BY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) ON
NOVEMBER 16. GDR AGAIN SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY NEW CURRENCY

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EXCHANGE REGULATIONS. HEADLINED "TAX BENEFITS AND

RISKY EXCHANGE RATE", ARTICLE REPEATS PREVIOUS CLAIMS AND ADVANCES NEW TORTUOUS ARGUMENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GDR MOVE. IN PARTICULAR, ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT "ILLEGAL" DEALINGS IN DDR MARKS BENEFIT ONLY BANKS WHEREAS RISK IS BORNE SOLELY BY TRAVELER, AND THAT TAX BENEFITS GRANTED BY FRG AND SENAT TO WEST GERMANS MAKING VISITS OR SENDING PACKAGES TO EAST GERMANY PROVIDE FURTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR "FINANCIAL GAIN AND FRAUDULENT MACHINATIONS".

2. SENAT PRESS OFFICE LOST NO TIME IN RESPONDING TO ADN ARTICLE, STATING THAT "HELPLESSNESS AND CONFUSION" OF GDR ARGUMENTATION "IS SLOWLY BECOMING PITIABLE". SENAT STATEMENT NOTED THAT ARTICLE MADE CLEAR THAT "EVEN THE GDR HAS APPARENTLY COMPREHENDED THAT IT IS GUILTY OF VIOLATING AGREED ARRANGEMENTS".

3. COMMENT: TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH LATEST KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING (BERLIN 1948), THIS LATEST GDR PROPAGANDA EFFORT UNDOUBTEDLY IS IN PART DESIGNED TO COUNTER SHARP REACTION OF SENAT AND GOVERNING MAYOR TO GDR MOVE. HOWEVER, IT MOST PROBABLY ALSO ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE EAST GERMAN CITIZENRY, WHICH APPARENTLY REALIZES THAT ITS DIRECT CONTACTS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN JEOPARDIZED. KLEIN

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